

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the above-identified final Office Action dated March 7, 2005, Applicant has amended claims 2, and 12. Claims 22 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant does not concede that original claims 2-9 and 12-19 are not patentable and reserves the right to file a continuation application containing such claims should the Applicant desire. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 2-10 and 12-21 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner states:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10 and 20-21 are allowed.

Claims 22 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates and acknowledges Examiners allowance of claims 10, 20-21.

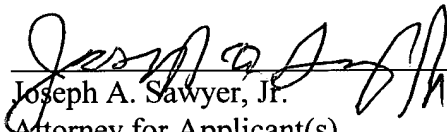
Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 22 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 2 is now Claim 22 rewritten in independent form. Claim 12 is now claim 23 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 2 and 12 are in allowable form. In addition, claims 3-9 and 13-21 are allowable since they depend from

an allowable base claim. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-10 and 12-21 as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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